



MSSD's first principal, Dr. Mervin Garretson, told the 1990 graduating class that the school's program has "matured," but this didn't mean that the grads hadn't earned the right to get a little uninhibited, or even to engage in some slapstick on commencement day!

MSSD 'mature and effective,' graduates told

Family, friends, and staff and faculty members cheered the Model Secondary School for the Deaf's (MSSD) Class of 1990 as the school celebrated its 20th commencement on June 15 in the Field House.

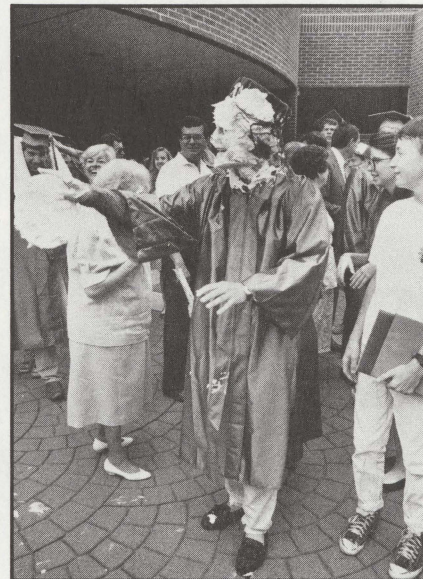
Dr. Mervin Garretson, who became principal of the then year-old MSSD in 1970 and is now interim executive director of the National Association of the Deaf, was the commencement speaker.

He said that initially MSSD had a lot of students who were trouble-makers—students who were fed up with traditional schools and who came to MSSD, "the school without walls," expecting a new educational experience. These students demanded panel discussions with teachers and a say in school programs. They rejected authority and demanded

the right to make their own mistakes. Years later, said Garretson, "MSSD has grown into a very mature and effective program."

Garretson urged the graduates to develop a sense of leadership and a sense of humor, to enjoy life, and to realize their own humanness and identity as deaf people. Saying that being born deaf or losing one's hearing to an illness was not something to be proud of, Garretson explained, "I am not proud of my deafness, but I am proud of deaf people. We're proud of our sign language and how as deaf people we have overcome hardships. That is your heritage and your challenge."

The senior class strayed from tradition when it presented the class gift to a fellow student rather than the school. The class awarded a monetary gift to



fellow senior Michelle Bueche, who is battling cancer.

Class valedictorian Cindy Ebeling spoke about the graduates' needs to fight for their rights as deaf people and for American Sign Language to be respected as any spoken language is respected.

Of MSSD's 75 graduates, 53 will attend postsecondary programs. Of these, 37 will attend Gallaudet, four will attend the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, 12 will go to other postsecondary programs, and 22 have not yet decided what school to attend or may start jobs.

Presiding over the ceremony were Gallaudet President I. King Jordan, Dean for Pre-College Programs Michael Deninger, MSSD Principal Cynthia Baines, and MSSD Director of Student Life Wilton McMillan.

SAC gives news on its activities

The Staff Advisory Committee (SAC) would like to share information about several areas in which the committee has been involved:

- Smoking policy—President King Jordan informed SAC that the President's Council has reviewed the proposed policy and made a few changes. It is expected that an institution-wide smoking policy will be established during fall semester 1990.

- Child Development Center—Parents with children in CDC will be informed shortly about the status of future tuition increases.

- Community Involvement Program—The program is a way to share ideas with one central office, which will then route them to the appropriate administrator. Already, more than 15 suggestions have been received by the Office of Administrative and Community Services, including recycling paper and eliminating some postage costs. People who have ideas to share can contact LaVarne Hines.

- Sick Leave Bank—After one and one-half years of operation, the bank has loaned more than 1,000 hours to 12 staff members. All staff members are asked to seriously consider donating a few hours of their sick leave. SAC representatives from employees' areas will provide donor cards.

- Staff Advisory Committee Elections—It is not too soon to begin thinking about SAC elections scheduled for October. Employees can suggest both exempt and non-exempt employees. Nominations can be sent to individuals' respective SAC representative.

The SAC will not meet regularly during the summer but will meet if the need arises.

ENFI reaches national finals in Smithsonian Institution's awards

Gallaudet's Electronic Networks for Interaction (ENFI) project, a program that teaches deaf students to develop written English skills by "conversing" via computer, has been selected as one of five national finalists in the Smithsonian Institution's Computerworld Awards.

The winners will be announced Monday, June 25, at the second annual awards dinner at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C. Winners will be included in the Smithsonian's permanent exhibit, "The Information Age: People, Information, Technology," which opened May 9 in the National Museum of American History.

This year's categories in the Computerworld Awards are business, education, environment, finance,

government, manufacturing, media, medicine, and transportation. ENFI is entered under the education category.

ENFI was first implemented at the University in 1984 by Dr. Trent Batson, a professor in the English Department, who is directing the project. ENFI is mainly used by students who meet and communicate almost entirely by writing on the computer network. This stimulates conversation, which is observed by a teacher and has proven to create greater interest and fluency in written English than traditional methods, ENFI teachers have said.

The Computerworld Awards were established to communicate the positive impact and benefits of information technology, and to recognize those who bring about that technology.



TV, Film, and Photography staffers won three D.C.-area Emmy awards June 16 for "Deaf Mosaic." John Mullen (left) won in audio for "Composite," and Barry White won in segment producing for "Mosaic Memoirs." Faith Powell also won in writing for "World Games Special."



KDES graduates, in the company of their families and teachers, congregate outside the MSSD auditorium, where the annual recognition program was held June 13. There were 21 student honorees this year. The guest speaker was retired program supervisor Ruby Hughes.

Writing, science, arts, sports are subjects of student programs

Deaf and hard of hearing high school students from throughout the nation will be coming to Gallaudet this summer to attend four special programs.

The Young Scholars Program (YSP), a four-week program for talented and gifted deaf and hard of hearing students ages 14-17, will be held June 24-July 20. Sponsored by the Gallaudet Honors Program in collaboration with Pre-College Programs, the YSP will focus on creative writing.

DOSS reports criminal activities

The following criminal activities at Gallaudet from June 15 to June 18 were reported by the Department of Safety and Security (DOSS). Crimes such as minor vandalisms, simple assaults, and petty thefts occurring in predominantly student areas have been omitted. No suspects were identified unless otherwise noted.

- 6/12—An AM/FM stereo cassette player was stolen from a vehicle parked at the Child Development Center.
- 6/14—A door lock was damaged on a vehicle parked at Hanson Plaza East.



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Among Ourselves

Ethelyn DeStefano, administrative secretary to Dr. Mike Kemp in the Department of Sign Communication, was elected president of the Capital Chapter of Professional Secretaries International for 1990-91. She has been vice president of the chapter for the last two years.

Dr. Bette Martin, special assistant to the president and a graduate of the Union Institute, and Dr. Marilyn Sass-Lehrer, professor in the Department of Education and coordinator of the Union and Gallaudet cooperative project, both attended the institute's twenty-fifth anniversary celebration June 2-3. The institute offers an accredited, non-traditional program of studies leading to a Ph.D. degree. Martin also spoke about "The Culture of Deafness" and was part of a panel on the value of cultural diversity at the institute's reunion commencement symposium.

Janet Pray, associate professor and chairwoman of Gallaudet's Social Work Department, and Clayton Valli, an instructor in the Department of Linguistics and Interpreting, are both current learners in the Union Institute.

Gallaudet graduate and actress Linda Bove, who plays Linda the librarian on television's "Sesame Street" show, received an Individual Achievement Award from the National Council on Communicative Disorders at its gala awards ceremony held May 24 at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. The award was presented by Phyllis Frelich, who is also a Gallaudet alumna and actress.

Maureen Nichols, speech pathologist, Leslie Page, audiologist, and Howard Schlieper, audio systems engineer, all of the MSSD Communications Department, trained a speech-language pathologist and high school student from Washakie County Educational Resource Center, located in Worland, Wyo., in how to use the emulator to help develop communication skills, on May 8-9.

MSSD English and communication teacher Janet Weinstock spoke about

Announcements

The summer Deaf Enrichment and Arts Festival Lecture Series continues with "Artistic Expressions in ASL" on Tuesday, July 10, led by Clayton Valli, an instructor in the Department of Linguistics and Interpreting; and "Telecommunications and Deaf People" on Thursday, July 12, led by Alfred Sonnenstrahl, executive director of Telecommunications for the Deaf. Both presentations are from 4-5 p.m. in Ely Auditorium.

The Child Development Center has a few vacancies in its kindergarten program for this fall. Anyone interested in enrolling a child in the program or getting more information about the center's programs can call Gail Solit, x5130.

deaf culture to a group of parents of preschool deaf children at the Maryland School for the Deaf (MSD) in Frederick, Md., on May 11. The session was sponsored by MSD's Family Education Department.

MSSD residence education specialists Lori Manson and Jim Hynes, guidance counselor Dale Ford, and counselor Ruth Ann Hutchinson worked with seventh- through twelfth-grade students at the annual Teen Conference held May 15 at the West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney, W.Va. The MSSD staff members also conducted a training session in which they introduced house parents to the philosophy of student development. The March of Dimes co-sponsored the conference.

Classified Ads

CLASSIFIED ADS are printed free as a service to Gallaudet faculty and staff. They must be submitted in writing only to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37. Ads may be run for a maximum of two weeks, if requested and if space permits. Due to the July 4 holiday, *On the Green* will not be published on July 2, and ads received by June 29 will appear in the July 9 issue.

FOR SALE: New "This End Table" furniture: coffee table, \$90; small kitchen table w/2 chairs, \$250; computer desk, \$250; and chair, \$85; moving sale. Call Kelly, x5115, or (301) 997-5653 (V) anytime.

WANTED: Female to share spacious 2-BR apt. in Bethesda, Md., AC, microwave, 10- to 15-min. walk to Bethesda Metro and convenient places, avail. July. Call 907-2422 (TDD).

WANTED: Ride to Boston, Mass., on or before July 11, will share gas expenses and driving (automatic only). Call 960-5720 (TDD) eves.

WANTED: Neat, responsible male or female nonsmokers to share new townhouse w/deaf owner in Olney, Md.; Metrobus goes directly to Silver Spring Metro; good location for professionals working at Northwest Campus; 4 BR, 3 1/2 baths, W/D, fireplace, large modern kitchen, pool, tennis; mature students, groups, and couples welcome; \$250/\$275/\$600/mo. plus 1/3 or 1/2 util. Call 230-8547 (TDD) days, or 924-3836 (TDD) eves.

WANTED: Adult, nonsmoking female Gallaudet student seeks private BR or BR to share in Silver Spring, Md., near Metro; would like to move in Aug. 18 or first week of Sept.; can afford \$150-\$250/mo. w/no util. Write Tracey Cholmondeley, c/o Legacy International, Route 4, Box 265, Bedford, VA 24523.

FOR SALE: '72 VW Beetle, 4 good tires, new engine (not rebuilt), good cond., \$1,200/BO. Call Tony, 394-5054 (TDD).

Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

ASSISTANT COORDINATOR FOR COOPERATIVE EDUCATION: School of Management
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